

## STORM McDONALD

Storm McDonald was born in Heber on November 1, 1890, son of Joseph S. McDonald and Mary Elizabeth Rasband McDonald. He attended schools of Heber. Millie Murdock was first grade teacher and Henry Aird, principal. He had as grade school teachers all three Wootton brothers, Will, George and Attewall. On fin-

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ishing the eighth grade in Heber and there being no high school in our county, he attended BYU. Having taken up the clarinet under instruction of Uncle Moroni Morris, he returned to Heber nearly every weekend to play for dances with an Heber orchestra comprised of Jay Jensen, Andy Anderson, Dolph and Seymour Duke, Storm McDonald and Guy Alexander. He also played in the BYU band under Professor Sauer and in the concert orchestra under Professor Gudmunson. He studied English under Miss Schofield and algebra with Harvey Fletcher. This was in 1907 and 1908.

In the fall of 1908 the Wasatch High School opened, with J. W. Robinson as principal and James Johnson, Henry Raile, O. A. Whitaker, Hugh Holdaway and Miss Wilcox as the faculty. He was active there in music and athletics and in student affairs. The following year he graduated from three-year high school course as president of the class of 1910. He received a call to fill a mission in the Northern States, and left in June for Chicago. He served 26 months in the northern and southern Illinois conferences under German E. Ellsworth, mission president, and returned home in August, in time to enroll for fourth year high school. As editor of the first edition of "Wasona," year book of 1913, it was the largest and finest year book published to that time.

On invitation of Guy B. Alexander and the Thatchers of Logan to attend school at the Utah Agricultural College and to play in Thatcher's orchestra in their new Lyric Theater, he entered the college the fall of 1910 and was active in music there. He played in a Logan band, the college orchestra under Thatcher, and the Spicker college saxophone quartet, and during the next two years had charge of all dance music on the campus. He also took part in the Logan Boosters' show each year and was "end man" in their minstrels. He found time to play baseball on the college team and won the "A" as pitcher on the baseball team. Specializing in irrigation and drainage, he graduated with the class of 1916 from the school of agriculture engineering.

Engaged to teach at Wasatch High at a salary of \$800 for the year, he taught at Wasatch for three years. Subjects were music, mathematics and English. During the second year he became interested in the

need for better library facilities in the county and was instrumental in persuading the state librarian, Miss Downey, from the State Capitol, to make several trips to Heber to study the situation and make recommendations. She and McDonald met with the Wasatch County Commission and persuaded them to levy a half-mill tax for county library purposes. Book donations and funds from the public were raised by means of dances and other activities, and the first county library board was created with Storm McDonald as the first president. James Ritchie, John A. Fortie and Jess Nelson were other board members and Millie Witt was librarian.

He served as Wasatch County Red Cross chairman two years.

Baseball interest was high at this time and a stake league was going strong, with a team representing each ward in the stake. There never were larger crowds nor more interest in baseball than in 1916 and 1917. Heber First and Second Wards were rated among the best. Storm McDonald was pitcher for Heber First Ward.

In Church work he was very active, being president of the Heber First Ward MIA, ward chorister and stake chorister, stake social committeeman, and stake missionary. He was Smith-Hughes agricultural instructor in high schools of the state in its early stages and was offered that position at Tooele High School. He moved to Tooele in September, 1919, in a Model-T truck. Boys under his direction took top honors at the Utah State Fair in judging and demonstrations. He also coached Tooele debaters to the state championship. He was Sunday school chorister in Tooele North Ward and played in the dance orchestra and on Tooele's baseball team.

After three years at Tooele he taught at Bingham High School a year, then took over the district manager's job for a Denver manufacturer for Utah and Idaho territory. While carrying on this work he purchased a home in Salt Lake and began some real estate work, which soon occupied all his time for about two years. He became interested in purchasing a meat and grocery business of Dan and Rela McMillan at Heber. With Moroni Moulton as partner, he purchased this business and built the two brick

homes on Main Street across from the high school.

However, he sold his interest in the business to his partner and returned to teaching at Wasatch High, teaching science and mathematics, and by 1935 he completed 20 years of high school teaching. During all this time he was active in community and Church affairs, serving as president of the Heber Lions Club, representative in State Legislature, president Utah Guernsey Breeders three terms, president of Utah Purebred Dairy Cattle Assn., director of the Utah Auto Dealers' Assn., and director of the American Dairy Association of Utah.

In June, 1917, he married Verna M. Jones of Lehi, Utah. They had four children, three boys and one girl: Guy S., Kent J., Joseph Ralph and Alice Elizabeth (Betty).